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LETTER FROM SENATORS OPPOSING F-15 SALE TO SAUDI ARABIA

Q. What comment does the Department have on the letter to Vance from the seven Senators opposing the sale of F-15 aircraft to Saudi Arabia?

A: --We received this letter yesterday evening expressing the views of a number of Senators. We have also received a letter from Senators Javits, Baker and Pearson on this subject.

--We are studying the points made in these letters. No decisions have been made on presenting to the Congress any proposal to sell F-15s to Saudi Arabia. This is still to be the subject of further review in the Administration, and also of further consultation with the Congress at the appropriate time.

Q. Who are the seven Senators?

A. Senators Church, Biden, Sarbanes, Clark, Stone, Pell and Case.

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